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LETTER DATED 12 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 23 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations (S/1995/508), which contained allegations that Iraq had violated the terms of the cease-fire between the two countries, I should like to state as follows:

1. Paragraphs 1 and 14: There were no engineering activities in the area. All that happened was that some small channels were cut for the Ministry of Irrigation.

2. Paragraphs 7 and 19: There was movement only of fishing boats, and there are no patrols in the Shatt al-Arab.

3. Paragraphs 11 and 17: There were no Iraqi flights inside the aerial exclusion zone.

4. Paragraphs 10 and 16: These are border posts belonging to the border forces. The information is incorrect.

5. The other Iranian allegations are untrue.

I should be grateful if you would HAVE this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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